

Status of Claims:

1. (cancelled)
2. (cancelled)
3. (currently amended) The composition of claim [[2]] 5 in which the formulation is a water-and-oil emulsion.
4. (currently amended) The composition of claim [[2]] 5 which is anhydrous.
5. (currently amended) ~~The composition of claim 2~~ A cosmetic or pharmaceutical composition comprising a non-rigid, porous support in which a low-viscosity, gellant-containing, otherwise unstable cosmetic or pharmaceutical formulation is incorporated, which composition comprises an oil phase, in which the base oil phase comprises a silicone oil.
6. (currently amended) ~~The composition of claim 2~~ A cosmetic or pharmaceutical composition comprising a non-rigid, porous support in which a low-viscosity, gellant-containing, otherwise unstable cosmetic or pharmaceutical formulation is incorporated, which composition comprises an oil phase, in which the gellant is selected from the group consisting of cholesterol and derivatives thereof, dextrin fatty acid esters, silicone gellants, oil-soluble cellulose derivatives, and oil-soluble polymers.
7. (original) The composition of claim 6 in which the gellant is a cholesterol derivative.
8. (original) The composition of claim 7 in which the gellant is lanosterol.
9. (currently amended) The composition of claim [[2]] 6 in which the porous support has a pore size of from about 100 to about 300 pores per inch.
10. (currently amended) The composition of claim [[2]] 6 in which the porous support is made of a material selected from the group consisting of a natural sponge, a foamed rubber or a foamed polyethylene.

11. (currently amended) The composition of claim [[2]] 6 which also contains at least one pigment.
12. (original) The composition of claim 11 which comprises an inorganic pigment.
13. (currently amended) The composition of claim [[2]] 6 which contains substantially no waxes or suspending agents.
14. (cancelled)
15. (cancelled)
16. (cancelled)
17. (cancelled)
18. (cancelled)
19. (cancelled)
20. (cancelled).
21. (currently amended) [[The]] A cosmetic or pharmaceutical composition of claim 20 made by (a) preparing a low viscosity, gellant-containing, otherwise unstable formulation; and (b) incorporating the formulation into a porous, elastic, non-rigid support, in which the formulation is permitted to gel within the support, in which formulation comprises an oil, and the gellant is selected from the group consisting of cholesterol derivatives, dextrin fatty acid esters, silicone gellants, and oil-soluble polymers.
22. (original) The composition of claim 21 in which the oil comprises a silicone oil.
23. (original) The composition of claim 21 in which the gellant is a cholesterol derivative.

24. (original) The composition of claim 21 in which the gellant is lanosterol.
25. (cancelled)
26. (currently amended) ~~The composition of claim 23~~ A cosmetic composition comprising an elastic, non-rigid porous support into which a low-viscosity, cholesterol or cholesterol derivative gellant, containing, otherwise unstable formulation has been integrated, the formulation also comprising at least one inorganic pigment, and an anhydrous base, in which the gellant is lanosterol.